

## THE TWIN CITIES

The Minneapolis-St. Paul area has long been noted for its high quality of life. Fortune magazine annually ranks the Twin Cities among the top four places in the nation to balance business and family.

The metropolitan area has a population of approximately two million people and offers a full range of cultural activities, including theaters, museums, fine restaurants, colleges, universities and numerous professional sports teams.

Whatever your interests, from fine dining and world-class theatre to four season outdoor activities or peaceful wilderness retreats, there is something here for everyone.



## VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AND VA MEDICAL CENTER

The Veterans Health Administration is a comprehensive healthcare system for the nation's veterans and the largest managed care system in the United States. The Minneapolis VA Medical Center is a large teaching hospital with 237 acute care diagnostic and treatment beds, as well as a 104 bed extended care unit. The medical center provides primary, specialty, mental and behavioral health, extended care, and rehabilitative care to over 45,000 veteran patients. It has one of the largest education and training programs in the VA system and is affiliated with the University of Minnesota Schools of Medicine and Dentistry.

## ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS

Candidates must be board eligible in internal medicine and a U.S. citizen. The fellowship includes a competitive stipend, health care benefits, vacation, tuition and travel stipends. Personal work space with office support and access to CCDOR resources are provided.

Start dates for fellowships are flexible but July 1<sup>st</sup> is preferred. The application deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.



## TO APPLY

Send or e-mail a cover letter stating interests and goals for the fellowship, curriculum vita, two letters of recommendation, and a writing sample to:

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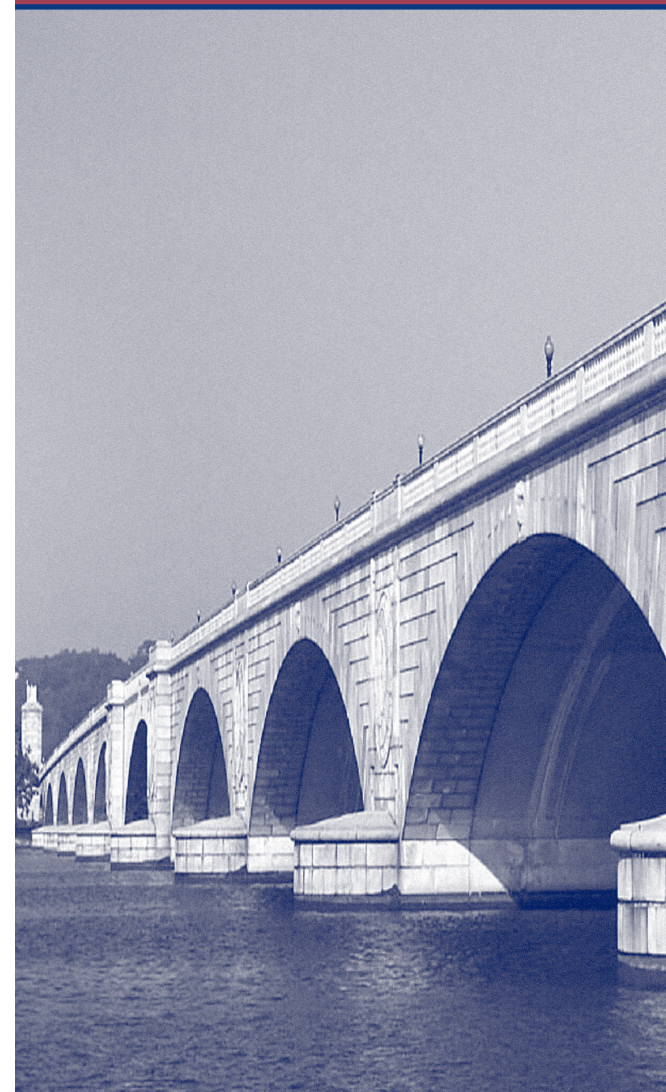
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## GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP



*Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Center for Chronic  
Disease Outcomes Research and the University of  
Minnesota Division of General Internal Medicine*

## PURPOSE

The University of Minnesota Division of General Internal Medicine and the Minneapolis VA Center for Chronic Disease Outcomes Research (CCDOR) offer a Research Fellowship designed to prepare board eligible internal medicine physicians for successful careers in academic medicine. The Fellowship program provides individualized training and progressive experience in three major areas: Clinical Research; Medical Education and General Medicine Health Care Delivery.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Fellowship is a 2 year (with a 3rd year option) program funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The program includes formal training in research methodology leading to a masters degree, an intensive mentored research experience, and training in all aspects of professional academic life, including grant and manuscript writing, clinical teaching, research and educational presentations, and critical review of the literature.

## ABOUT CCDOR

The fellowship is housed primarily at the Minneapolis VA's Center for Chronic Disease Outcomes Research (CCDOR). CCDOR, founded in 1998, is comprised of an interdisciplinary community of professionals conducting methodologically rigorous, clinically relevant research intended primarily to improve the health care of veterans. The Center supports over 80 funded projects and an annual budget of over \$10.5 million. There are currently 22 PhD and MD core investigators, 22 affiliate investigators, and 36 research and administrative support staff, including 10 in the biostatistical and data core. In addition there is an active post-doctoral training program for PhD investigators.

## MENTORING

Each fellow is paired with a primary mentor who is responsible for the overall success of the fellow's career and professional development. Additional content or methodology mentors may be added to the team, as necessary. CCDOR supports a formal mentoring program that includes written materials, close oversight of the mentoring process by the fellowship director, ongoing training of mentors, and protected time for senior investigators to engage in formal mentoring.

## TRAINING/EXPERIENCE IN CLINICAL RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

### Course Work

Fellows complete coursework that leads to either an MPH in epidemiology or health services research or an MS in clinical research through the University of Minnesota School of Public Health and Graduate School. Tuition is covered.

### Conferences and Seminars

Each month, fellows participate in journal clubs as well as research, teaching, and clinical conferences and workshops. Formal training in systematic reviews is offered.

### Independent Research Projects

Fellows develop, pursue and complete 2-3 independent research projects with the guidance of mentors of their choosing.

## TRAINING IN MEDICAL EDUCATION

Fellows gain expertise in medical education including program development and evaluation. Fellows participate in workshops and seminars, directed independent reading and clinical experience with feedback from faculty.

## TRAINING IN GENERAL MEDICINE

Fellows further their expertise in general medicine and chronic disease management. The fellowship offers a wide range of clinical experiences including a Primary Care Continuity Clinic, a Women's Comprehensive Health Care Center and a Geriatric Rehabilitation and Education Clinical Center (GRECC).

## ACTIVE AREAS OF RESEARCH WITHIN CCDOR

- Disease Prevention/Health Promotion
  - \* Preventive Cardiology    \* Vaccine Preventable Disease
  - \* Cancer Detection and Prevention    \* Smoking Cessation
- Benign and Malignant Urological Diseases
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms and Vascular Medicine
- Osteoporosis Prevention and Treatment; Women's Health
- Skin Diseases
- Mental Health
  - \* Substance Abuse    \* PTSD    \* Sexual Trauma
- Patient Disease Self-management
- Quality of Care
- Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Health Care
- Systems Interventions

Research methodology includes clinical trials, observational epidemiology, systematic reviews and meta-analysis, surveys, database analyses, and economic analyses.

Formal Centers nested within CCDOR include 2 Quality Enhancement Research & Implementation Centers, one with a focus on colorectal cancer and one with a focus on polytrauma and blast-related injuries; an AHRQ funded Evidence-based Practice Center; a Center of Excellence in Clinical Research; and a Cochrane Review Group for Prostate and Benign Urological Diseases.